



**NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.**

**ND PSC Case#: PU-15-174**

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM**

**DATE: 5/11/2017**

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Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Vestas American Wind Technology, Inc. (Vestas) is the Turbine Supplier. The construction management team from Wanzek is on-site and engaged in construction management. All Transmission Line work is now complete. All Collection cable plowing is now complete. All Turbine Component deliveries are now complete. Erection is complete. Circuit energization is complete. All 100 Turbines have been energized and the Commercial Operation Date was signed on December 1, 2016. Wanzek is working to finish spring work. Seeding began May 10<sup>th</sup> and is still underway. SWPPP will be maintained by Wanzek throughout this process after which Xcel Energy will take ownership until Notice of Termination. Wanzek met with a representative from the State of North Dakota the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> and received verbal approval for the access road approaches on Highway 9. Written signoff will be received in the coming weeks. Stutsman County is scheduled to visit the site on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to review the county roads on the project footprint.